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Greetings for 1955

We are again glad to get our catalog back in circulation after a two-year absence. Due to other business commitments we omitted our catalog, but continued growing and selling good Dahlias.

We have added quite a few new dahlias to our list and also eliminated some. The best of our older varieties we have still retained.

It is hoped that most of you enjoyed our exhibit at the Orange County Fair and at the Orange County Dahlia Society this last year. Our Dahlias will be shown again this coming August as before.

This year we have again started back in the production of Dahlia, Green Plants, as we did 5 years ago. We feel that you should give green plants a try as they are sturdy growers and less expensive than Dahlia roots. Our green plants are taken from the base cuttings of the Dahlia root. They are then rooted in sand and placed in three inch tar paper pots and left to grow several weeks. They are then ready for planting.

Although we will not be shipping any green plants in lots less than 16 or more to the flat, you can secure any amount by coming here to our green houses. Green plants should be ready about the latter part of April. Also rooted cuttings will be available for 50% less than the root price.

Green plants produce flowers and bushes just as roots do in the first year.

If you have someone that is interested in Dahlias we would appreciate it if you would pass along this catalog if you are not using it.

VISITORS WELCOME

Visitors are at all times welcome to our gardens. Flowering starts in June and continues in November.

We are located about half way between Santa Ana and Long Beach. Three blocks north of Westminster Ave. on corner of Monroe and 20th Street in Westminster, Calif. If in the vicinity of Los Angeles drive on Manchester and Firestone to Buena Park and turn right on Route 39 and continue about seven miles. Turn left on Twentieth St. and drive to the end of the street. You will then be in the New Westminster section.

TERMS

Our roots and plants are guaranteed and in good growing condition. Replacements will be made in case the stock proves other wise. We cannot be responsible for more than the original purchase price.

Fifty percent of the full purchase price should accompany all orders. Balance to be paid before shipment.

Please add 35 cents to all root orders under \$10.00. Postage free for orders over \$10.00.

Plants will be shipped in lots of 16 or more to the flat only. To those ordering plants please add \$1.00 to your order for express and handling.

We will make substitutions on your order only when absolutely necessary, unless you advise otherwise.

We suggest that you order as early as possible as some stock is depleted rapidly. Root orders are shipped from March 1, until June. Please no C.O.D. orders.

Please note that our stock is graded and selected so that only the very best goes to our customers.

When ordering be sure and write your name and address plainly as to avoid delay and confusion.

The usual discounts for commercial houses and growers.

3% Sales Tax on California customers.

ABBREVIATIONS

F. D.—Formal Decorative. I. D.—Informal Decorative.
C.—Cactus. S. C.—Semi-Cactus St. C.—Straight Cactus.

Miniature dahlias are under four inches in diameter. Ball dahlias are 4 inches and over in diameter. Pom-Pon dahlias are 2 inches and under. Miniature-ball dahlias are from 2 to 4 inches in diameter. "A" size dahlias are over 8 inches in diameter. "B" size dahlias are from 4 to 8 inches in diameter.

Size given in example — 8x6 means 8 inch diameter of bloom 6 inches in depth of bloom.

DAHLIA CULTURE

Dahlias are very easy to grow and if given a little extra care in the early growing season, your dahlias will respond surprisingly well. As a rule the amount of success you have is directly proportional work and attention given to them.

Plant when there is no danger of frost. Here in Southern California from April to June.

Plant where they will receive the maximum amount of sunlight. Too well shaded conditions, as when planted under trees that let little direct sunlight in, will result in very tall growth and a noticeable fading in the blooms. At this point may we suggest that a good shade over your blooms for several days prior to their maturing, will add immeasurably to the quality of any particular bloom. After this the shade should be removed. This measure is taken frequently by growers who are exhibiting at the shows. Try it and see.

Almost any kind of garden soil will grow good dahlias.

Fertilizing should be done several months before planting. Spading any organic fertilizer into the soil will do. Barnyard manure is one of the best. At any rate use the fertilizer that is handy and cheapest for you. Later on in the growing season, a little commercial fertilizer, that is suitable to dahlias, like (4-10-10) will be helpful, spread around the plants, raked in and watered good.

When planting roots place four or five inches under ground with the sprouting eye up and about 3 inches from the supporting stake. No heavy watering is done until they reach a foot high. When blooming, they should receive plenty of water.

When green plants are set out, be sure that they get watered frequently. More failures result from green plants because they do not get the water they need in the early growing season. Green plants grow like roots. They give the same amount of blooms and tubers, as roots do.

Disbudding should be done to give that extra size to your blooms. In the smaller classes, miniatures and pompons should not be disbudded. In disbudding, pinch out the side shoots that appear on the stalk. The shoots at the base of the stalk can be left on for the next crop of blooms. As a rule about 4 or 5 canes can be left on to insure maximum size for the large varieties.

Cultivation should not be overlooked in the early growing season. Keep your garden free of weeds at all times.

Spraying with DDT once a week will give your dahlias a lot of insect protection. One of the new insecticides coming on the market is MALATHION. It is very effective against red spider, aphids and thrip. Consult your nurseryman on the subject. When mildew appears on the foliage dust lightly with sulphur and you will prolong the growing season another month.

When your dahlias slow up in blooming and seed begins to set you can stop watering them and let them dry. Cut down the stalks, dig and store roots in peat moss or sawdust. Another way, if not caring to divide your roots, you can leave them in the ground to sprout early the following year.

General List

"A" Size Dahlies

AUTUMN BLAZE I. D. 12x7

Crimson and gold stripped petals. One that can be grown to tremendous size. Outstanding in every respect.

Roots \$1.00. Plants .65

AMI LOUIS BLINN S.C. 10x6.

An excellent velvety dark red.

Roots \$1.25; Plants .90

ARTHUR GODFREY F.D. 11x6

A nice formal with long stems. Blend of ornate red with buff. A fast grower.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

BURMA I.D. 9x6

A rich red orange. Long stems.

Plants .65

BLACK MONARCH S.C. 11x8

This one is extremely dark red. Most striking. Large and needs shade.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

BLACK DRAGON I.C. 10x7

This can be grown very large. Another very dark red. Good for a large catus.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

CASPER LUDWICK'S MEMORY St.C. 10x7

A fine catus in the large class. Medium dark red.

Plants .90

CEASE FIRE F.D. 10x6

A sulphur yellow with good stems.

Plants .65

CALIFORNIA PAGEANT I.D. 10x7

Another large one with good stems. Bright gold suffused bronze.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

CLARA HOOK S. C. 10x6

Pinard yellow shaded peach red. A three honor rol dahlia.

Plants .65

CROYDEN'S MASTERPIECE I.D. 12x7

Recommended to all growers. One of the very best. A deep shade of tan.

Roots \$1.50;Plants .90

CORONA DEL MAR S.C. 9x6

Color of creamy yellow wih petals edged purple. Highly recommended. Our own originations.

Roots \$2.00; Plants \$1.20

DOROTHY LAMOUR St. C. 9x6

Clear bright orange on long stems.

Plants .65

DIXIE'S WINE DOT I.D. 10x7

One of the best variegated. White splashed red. Tall and strong.

Plants .65

DAHLIAMUM I.D. 10x7

One of the best bronze dahlias todate. Very artistic formation.

Plants .65

EMMA LOU St.C. 11x6

One of our seedlings of a few years back. Pure lavender catus on strong stems.

Roots \$1.00;Plants .65

FANCY FREE F.D. 8x6

Creamy yellow and wine red varigated. Good stems.

Plants .75

FERNIES TRIUMPH S.C. 10x7

Large scarlet orange. Unusual.

Plants .65

FIVE STAR GENERAL F.D. 11x7

A pink blended maize yellow. This is one of the best. Large and strong.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

FRIEDA GAYLORD I.D.11x7

Another large pink. Clear pink with light gold shadings. Tall.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

GLAMOUR I.D. 10x7

Color of light shades of purple with edge of petals shaded soft pink.

Roots .75; Plants .40

GIANT OF BARNN St.C. 11x7

Very large for catus. Tall but slightly bending stems. Color orange red.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

GLORIOLE St.C 10x7

A clear yellow catus. A fine large dahlia but faces skyward.

Roots \$1.50; Plant .90

GREAT LAKES I.D. 10x6

A pure white with excellent stems. Sure winner on the show table.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

GOVERNOR WARREN F.D. 10x6

An autumn blended pink. Strong stems.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

HEAVENLY WHITE F.D. 10x7

A fine California origination. Pure white with strong stems.

Roots \$1.00 Plants .65

HOOSIER MARVEL S.C. 11x7

A pure sulphur yellow. Grows very large. A good addition to the garden.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

JANET OTT I.D. 9x6

Another one of our seedlings and worth while. A creamy white with tips and edges of petals deep lavender.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

JOSEPH B. LANKTREE I.D. 11x7

Bright red and fine grower with good stems.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

KEMP'S PURPLE TRIUMPH I.D. 11x7

A royal purple and a royal dahlia. A must for you in the purple shade.

Roots \$1.00;Plants .65

- KELVIN I.D. 11x6**
A fine dahlia some what like Five Star General. Peach pink. Good stems. Every one should grow this one.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65
- LORD OF AUTUMN I.D. 10x7**
Fine pure yellow. An old timer.
Plants .65
- KING SIZE St.C. 10x5**
A spectrum red catus and large one of the best red catus.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65
- MARILYN DALE S.C. 10x7**
A fine tall stem clear lavender. Very striking bloom. Won best in the show in 1954. A must for your garden.
Roots \$1.50; Plants .90
- MAFFIE S.C. 10x7**
A large dark red. An old timer.
Plants .65
- MADONNA I.D. 11x7**
A fine white. Strong grower. Won many. achievements in the east.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65
- MRS. HUTCHINSON StC. 10x7**
Yellow catus of good formation. Straight stems.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65
- MRS. HESTER A. PAPE I.D. 11x7**
A fine dark reddish purple. Fine stems. Good for exhibition.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65
- MAGNIFICENT S.C. 10x7**
A light tan bloom. Real large and may be I.D. at some times.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65
- MRS. ANNA KLINE I.D. 10x6**
A clear deep yellow.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65
- MRS. T. NEWELL St.C 8½x5**
A fine strong stem bush of five feet. Flower facing well. Color of yellow with darker shading in the center. Very fine.
Plants \$1.00
- NOBBY'S LIGHT I.D. 10x7**
A good yellow and fine for exhibition. Hard to keep roots.
Plants .90
- NIGHT EDITOR I.D. 10x7**
A new one for us and seems quite good. Dark purple, with long stems.
Plants .90
- NIRWANA I.C. 10x7**
A light blend of yellow and pink. Very straight and tall plants. Excellent in all respects.
Roots \$1.25; Plants .90
- PINKY BOY I.D. 9x6**
Large deep pink. A seedling of Kelvin, one of our originations.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65
- PFARRER Rojek I.D. 8x6**
A good variegated on strong stems. A splash of red on yellow back ground.
Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

PRINCESS DIANNE I.D. 10x6

Dark red on good stems.

Plants .90

QUINN'S TIDAL WAVE F.D. 11x7

A fine clear yellow and mediuc size bushes.

Plants \$1.00

RUTH NICHOLS F.D. 10x6

Best clear lavender formal to date. A must for you.
Robust.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

POWDER PUFF I.D. 11x7

A clear lavender. A sport of Sherwood's Peach. Tall.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

ROSLIE GORDON F.D. 8x6

A new one for us here. A fine formal. Worth having
in the garden.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

SATAN'S DICIPLE I.D. 10x6

Brilliant crimson red. A hardy grower.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

STARDUST F.D. 9x6

A fine clear pink open grower with long stems.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

SEARCHLIGHT St.C. 8x6

A pure light sulphur yellow on long straight stems. New
for us.

Plants .90

SCHUBERT F.D. 9x6

Bright red with white tips. A real charmer.

Plants .90

THE CARDINAL S.C. 10x7

A bright cardinal red with silver reverse. A winner in
any show.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

TIARA F.D. 10x6

A new one and quite good. Unusual shade of peach pink
with white tips. Has long stems.

Plants .90

V-DAY I. D. 10x6

A mulberry pink. A little shading brings out a most beau-
tiful color.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

VIRGINIA RUTE S.C. 11x7

One of the old timers but still tops in the dark red
shade. Long stems.

Roots .75; Plants .55

VERMONT GILLIAN S.C. 10x6

Rich orange crome color. Quite tall grower but fine in
every respect.

Plants .90

XANTHINE F.D. 9x6

A good clear yellow with best stems. Needs shade for
best results.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

YELLOW MONARCH I.D. 11x7

One of the best large deep yellows. Tall bushes and
vigorous. A must for any garden.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

"B" Size Dahlias

ARISTOCRAT St.C. 5x4

One of Hollands best cut flowers. Best orange red on fine stems.

Roots .90; Plants .50

ANKARA S.C. 6x4

A new one from Holland. A tall grower and fine cutter. Deep orange red.

Plants .90

BALLEGO'S GLORY F.D. 6x4

Mahogany red with tips and edging of petals gold. Very striking.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

BRANDERIS F.D. 6x4

Coral red with gold centers. Winner of Holland Challenge Cup.

Plants .65

BRODER JUSTINUS S.C 7x5

A very fine orange and yellow blend.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

CAPTAIN SILVERMAN St. C. 7x5

Bright clear yellow. Good.

Plants .60

COPPERHEAD I.C. 7x6

Dusty old rose and brownish copper hue.

Plants .65

ESPOS St. Ct. 5x4

Rich apricot shaded salmon with slightly lighter tips. Tall.

Plants .70

FRED ROSSITTER F.D. 6x4

Best cut flower in the pure white. Tall and good stems.

Roots .75; Plants .50

GOLDEN LEADER F.D. 6x

A perfect cut flower in the golden yellow.

Roots .90; Plants .50

HENK CARLEE I.C. 6x4

Pure white catus with good stems.

Plants .70

M. P. SAVANAUD St. C. 6x4

A red catus with lighter shadings.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

MARGERY BLAKE St.C. 6x4

A fine rose pink with lighter centers. Recommended.

Plants .65

MILLIE ST.C. 5x4

Cut flower of the best white yet. Excellent stems.

Plants .65

MOEDER A'ARSTEN I.C. 5x4

A bronze yellow. Good stems.

Plants .50

MRS. E. J. I.C. 6x4

Another good cut flower catus. Excellent stems. Your must.

Roots .75

NAY AUG S.C. 6x4

Unusually fine smokey pink.

Roots \$1.00; Plants. 65

ORFEO St.C. 6x4

Good clear purple catus. Old timer but always wins in its class.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

SLIVERETTA St.C. 5x4

New for us this year and has been very good. Tall Pink and silver blend.

Plants .90

STOPLIGHT St.C. 6x5

Very dark red. Long stems.

Plants .90

TIPPLER S.C. 6x4

A nice size cut flower on fine stems. White over laid with lavender. Outstanding.

Plants .75

VICTORY ECLIPSE I.D. 7x5

Autumn buff. Tall and straight stems.

Plants .65

VAL ST. LAMBERT St.C. 7x6

Light blend of pink and yellow or white. Striking.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

VANITY F.D. 6x5 (Redfern)

A white suffused lavender. A very formal bloom. Almost a ball dahlia.

Roots 1.25; Plants .75

WINDLASSIE I.D. 7x6

A pure white with excellent formation and long stems. Grows to "A" size with best culture.

Roots \$1.00; Plants .65

WHITE SUPERIOR I.C. 5x4

Pure white. Good.

Plants .65

Pom Pons

POM PONS, small formal flowers under 2 inches in diameter.

All roots .50

All plants .35

ALBINO, Pure small white.

A PROPOS, Small pure yellow.

RIFLEMAN, Extra small, deep salmon, plants only.

HELOISE, Deepest red, small.

HILDEPUPPE, Glowing red, very small.

JANNY VAN DER ELST, Deep pinkish lilac.

STRATHFIELD, Small purple on lighter background.

POOKA, Small red. Medium bush.

LIPOMA, Pure mauve.

PALE BEAUTY, Pale lilac, tall.

MRS. J. TELFER, Small pure white.

GAY LOOK, Bright golden bronze with reddish center, best yet.

LITTLE DIRK, Pure lavender, small and good.

MIMOSA, Small yellow.

ILA, Small dark red.

REGULUS, Small dark purple.

MAY WE SUGGEST

The Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc. has been in existence for the past 14 years and has been an active and functioning Society in promoting the advancement and interest of Dahlia culture.

We hope to keep this Society active by contributing to its members and friends all information on cultural directions for our lovely flower, the Dahlia.

We invite you who are interested in Dahlias to join us in making out organization a more informative and interesting one.

Our meetings are held each month on the fourth Friday. A Pot Luck dinner is held at 6:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. Our business meeting and program takes place approximately 7:45 P. M. Place: Women's Club House, 6th at Baker St., Santa Ana.

Each year the Society stages its Annual Dahlia Show on the third week-end in August. This year the dates are Aug. 20th and 21st, Saturday and Sunday. Place: Y. M. C. A., Sycamore St. at Church St., Santa Ana

You are invited to our free show and enter your blooms for exhibition

Also in the month of August we gather together for several tours to the many Dahlia Gardens that are in bloom. All members and friends are invited along on these tours.

We also have many other activities in which you would be interested.

If you would like to be put on the Dahlia Society's mailing list to receive notices of our meetings, drop a postal card or letter to our Secretary, Mrs. H. O. Allen, 8232 E. 20th St., Westminster.

You are also invited to be a member of this Society. Dues are just \$2.00 per year.

ANY FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE FURNISHED ON REQUEST

Member of:

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ORANGE COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY
INGLEWOOD DAHLIA SOCIETY

If you are interested in obtaining colored pictures of dahlias, write for details to Philip Corliss, Somerton, Arizona. Many of our varieties are included in the Kodachrome slide sets that he rents.

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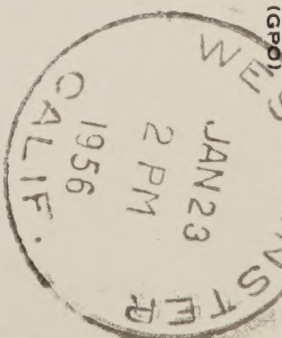
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